

### ***Carnahan Announces Funding For Missouri Today***

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Russ Carnahan is pleased to announce the release of nearly two million dollars in senior food and nutrition funds for programs throughout Missouri.

**"Seniors across Missouri, and in my district, depend on these meals each day,"** said Carnahan.

**"This part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act makes sure delivery of these important services are not interrupted."**

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The legislation contains key investments to prevent the loss of health coverage, promote prevention programs and lower health care spending for our nation during these challenging economic times. To help older Americans maintain their health and independence, the legislation includes \$100 million for meals and nutrition services under the Older Americans Act (OAA) as specified below:

- \$1,284,714 for Missouri congregate nutrition services under Title III;
- \$632,475 for home-delivered nutrition services in Missouri under Title III

These funds will assist communities and the national aging services network hit hard by rising food costs at a time when demand for services is increasing due to the economic downturn and the growing number of older adults. The funds will provide meals to seniors in need of food, restore nutrition services that have been cut and restore positions which may have been eliminated or reduced.